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AN ACT relating to special license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1 ➔Section 1. KRS 186.164 is amended to read as follows:

- 2 (1) The SF portion of the fee required under KRS 186.162 shall include the fee to
3 reflectorize all license plates under KRS 186.240. All EF fees required under KRS
4 186.162 shall be collected at the time of an initial or renewal application by the
5 county clerk who shall forward the EF fee to the cabinet. The cabinet shall remit EF
6 fees to the group or organization identified in KRS 186.162 on a quarterly basis.
7 The cabinet may retain any investment income earned from holding EF fees
8 designated to be remitted under this subsection to offset administrative costs
9 incurred by the cabinet in the administration of EF fees.
- 10 (2) A special license plate shall be the color and design selected by the group or
11 organization identified in subsection (13) of this section, contingent upon the
12 approval of the Transportation Cabinet. In addition to the design selected for a
13 special license plate, the name "Kentucky," an annual renewal decal, and any
14 combination of letters or numerals required by the cabinet in the design shall also
15 appear on the plate.
- 16 (3) Except as provided in KRS 186.162, the total initial fee for a special license plate
17 created under this chapter shall be twenty-eight dollars (\$28), of which the
18 Transportation Cabinet shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25) and the county clerk
19 shall receive three dollars (\$3), and the total renewal fee shall be fifteen dollars
20 (\$15), of which the Transportation Cabinet shall receive twelve dollars (\$12) and
21 the county clerk shall receive three dollars (\$3). The twenty-five dollar (\$25) initial
22 fee and twelve dollar (\$12) renewal fee received by the Transportation Cabinet
23 under this subsection shall include an applicant's registration fee required under
24 KRS 186.050.
- 25 (4) An actual metal special license plate shall be issued on the same schedule as regular

1 license plates are issued under KRS 186.240. The cabinet shall have the discretion
2 to extend the time period that will exist between the date a metal special license
3 plate is issued and the date that regular plates are issued under KRS 186.240. A
4 renewal registration decal shall be issued all other years during the owner's or
5 lessee's birth month, except as provided in KRS 186.041(2), 186.042(5), and
6 186.174(2). A person seeking a special license plate for a vehicle provided as part
7 of the person's occupation shall conform to the requirements of KRS 186.050(14).

8 (5) (a) If a special license plate issued under this chapter deteriorates to the point that
9 the lettering, numbering, or images on the face of the plate are not legible, the
10 plate shall be replaced free of charge, if the owner or lessee has not transferred
11 the vehicle to which the plate was issued during the current licensing period.

12 (b) If a special license plate issued under this chapter is lost, stolen, or damaged in
13 an accident, the county clerk shall issue a new plate upon payment of a three
14 dollar (\$3) county clerk fee, if the owner or lessee has not transferred the
15 vehicle to which the plate was issued during the current licensing period.

16 (6) Upon the sale, transfer, or termination of a lease of a vehicle with any special
17 license plate issued under this chapter, the owner or lessee shall remove the special
18 plate and return it and the certificate of registration to the county clerk. The county
19 clerk shall reissue the owner or lessee a regular license plate and a certificate of
20 registration upon payment of a three dollar (\$3) county clerk fee. If the owner or
21 lessee requests, the county clerk shall reissue the special plate upon payment of a
22 three dollar (\$3) county clerk fee for use on any other vehicle of the same
23 classification and category owned, leased, or acquired by the person during the
24 current licensing period. If the owner or lessee has the special plate reissued to a
25 vehicle which has been previously registered in this state, the regular license plate
26 that is being replaced shall be returned to the county clerk who shall forward the
27 plate to the Transportation Cabinet.

- 1 (7) A special license plate may be issued to the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle that
2 is required to be registered under KRS 186.050(1), (3)(a), or (4)(a), except a special
3 license plate shall not be issued to a taxicab, airport limousine, or U-Drive-It
4 registered and licensed under this chapter or KRS Chapter 281. A person applying
5 for a special license plate shall apply in the office of the county clerk in the county
6 of the person's residence, except as provided in KRS 186.168(3). All special license
7 plates issued under this chapter may be combined with a personalized license plate
8 under the provisions of KRS 186.174. The fee to combine a special license plate
9 with a personalized license plate shall be as established in KRS 186.162(3).
- 10 (8) Within thirty (30) days of termination from election to, appointment to, or
11 membership with any group or organization, an applicant to whom a special license
12 plate was issued under this chapter shall return the special license plate to the
13 county clerk of the county of his or her residence, unless the person is merely
14 changing his or her status with the group or organization to retired.
- 15 (9) A group wanting to create a special license plate that is not authorized under this
16 chapter on June 20, 2005, shall comply with the following conditions before being
17 eligible to apply for a special license plate:
- 18 (a) The group shall be nonprofit and based, headquartered, or have a chapter in
19 Kentucky;
 - 20 (b) The group may be organized for, but shall not be restricted to, social, civic, or
21 entertainment purposes;
 - 22 (c) The group, or the group's lettering, logo, image, or message to be placed on
23 the license plate, if created, shall not discriminate against any race, color,
24 religion, sex, or national origin, and shall not be construed, as determined by
25 the cabinet, as an attempt to victimize or intimidate any person due to the
26 person's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;
 - 27 (d) The group shall not be a political party and shall not have been created

1 primarily to promote a specific political belief;

2 (e) The group shall not have as its primary purpose the promotion of any specific
3 faith, religion, or antireligion;

4 (f) The name of the group shall not be the name of a special product or brand
5 name, and shall not be construed, as determined by the cabinet, as promoting a
6 product or brand name; and

7 (g) The group's lettering, logo, image, or message to be placed on the license
8 plate, if created, shall not be obscene, as determined by the cabinet.

9 (10) If the cabinet denies to issue a group a special license plate based upon the
10 conditions specified in subsection (9) of this section, the ~~group may appeal the~~
11 ~~denial to the next regularly scheduled session of the General Assembly for review~~
12 ~~of the denial and action on the group's request for a special license plate. The~~
13 cabinet shall, immediately upon denying to issue a group a special license plate,
14 notify in writing the chairperson of both the House and Senate
15 standing ~~Transportation~~ committees on transportation ~~of the General Assembly~~
16 of the denial and the reasons upon which the cabinet based the denial. ~~The House~~
17 ~~and Senate chairpersons shall be required to present the information to his or her~~
18 ~~respective committee for consideration within the first ten (10) days of the next~~
19 ~~regularly scheduled session of the General Assembly, if requested to do so in~~
20 ~~writing by the group who was denied a special license plate.]~~ A person seeking a
21 personalized license plate under KRS 186.174 shall be subject to the conditions
22 specified in subsection (9)(c) to (g) of this section.

23 (11) If the cabinet approves a request for a special license plate, the cabinet shall begin
24 designing and printing the plate after the group collects a minimum of nine hundred
25 (900) applications with each application being accompanied by a twenty-five dollar
26 (\$25) state fee. The applications and accompanying fee shall be submitted to the
27 cabinet at one (1) time as a whole and shall not be submitted individually or

1 intermittently.

2 (12) An initial applicant for, or an applicant renewing, his or her registration for a special
3 license plate may, at the time of application, make a voluntary contribution that the
4 county clerk shall forward to the cabinet. The entity that sponsors a special plate
5 established by the process outlined in this section may set a requested donation
6 amount, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10), that will automatically be added to the cost
7 of registration or renewal, unless the individual registering or renewing the vehicle
8 registration opts out of contributing that recommended amount. The cabinet shall,
9 on an annual basis, remit the voluntary contributions to the appropriate group
10 identified to be used for the declared purpose stated under subsection (13) of this
11 section. The cabinet may retain any investment income earned from holding
12 voluntary contributions designated to be remitted under this subsection to offset
13 administrative costs incurred by the cabinet in the administration of the
14 contributions. Any group or organization that receives a mandatory EF fee under
15 KRS 186.162 shall submit the information required under subsection (13)(a) and (c)
16 of this section to the Transportation Cabinet within thirty (30) days of June 20,
17 2005.

18 (13) If a group wants to receive a donation when the group or organization's special
19 license plate is initially purchased or renewed under subsection (12) of this section,
20 the group shall, at the time the nine hundred (900) applications are submitted to the
21 Transportation Cabinet, also submit a notarized affidavit to the cabinet attesting to:

22 (a) The name, address, and telephone number for the group or organization. If the
23 group or organization does not have its headquarters in the Commonwealth,
24 then the name, address, and telephone number for the group or organization's
25 Kentucky state chapter shall be required. The names of the officers of the
26 group or organization shall also be required. If the entity receiving funds
27 under subsection (12) of this section is not a state governmental agency, a

1 program unit within a state governmental agency, or is a group or organization
 2 that does not have a statewide chapter, then an extra donation for use by the
 3 group or organization shall be prohibited;

4 (b) The amount of the monetary donation the group wants to receive when a
 5 person purchases the group or organization's special license plate; and

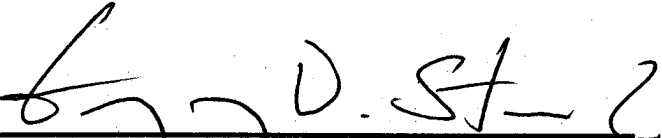
6 (c) The purpose for which the donated funds will be used by the group or
 7 organization. Donated funds shall not be limited for use by members of the
 8 group or organization, and shall not be used for administrative or personnel
 9 costs of the group or organization.

10 (14) All funds received by a group or organization under subsection (12) of this section
 11 shall be deposited into an account separate from all other accounts the group or
 12 organization may have, and the account shall be audited yearly at the expense of the
 13 group or organization. The completed audit shall be forwarded to the Transportation
 14 Cabinet in Frankfort. One hundred percent (100%) of the funds received by a group
 15 or organization under subsection (12) of this section shall be used for the express
 16 purpose identified by the group in subsection (13) of this section. Any group or
 17 organization that receives a mandatory EF fee under KRS 186.162 shall comply
 18 with the provisions of this subsection.

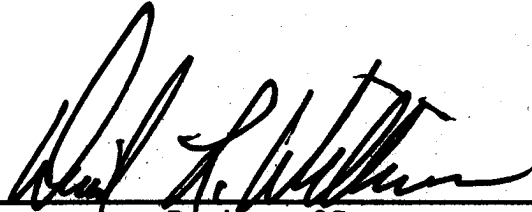
19 (15) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative
 20 regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to establish additional rules to implement the
 21 issuance of special license plates issued under this chapter, including but not limited
 22 to:

23 (a) Documentation that will be required to accompany an application for a special
 24 license plate to provide proof of election to the United States Congress or the
 25 Kentucky General Assembly; election or appointment to the Kentucky Court
 26 of Justice; membership in a Masonic Order, Fraternal Order of Police, or
 27 emergency management organization; eligibility for membership in the Gold

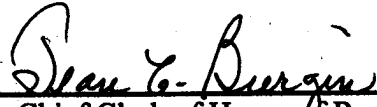
- 1 Star Mothers of America; eligibility for membership in the Gold Star Wives of
2 America; or ownership of an amateur radio operator license;
- 3 (b) The time schedule permissible for a group or organization to request a design
4 change for the special license plate; and
- 5 (c) The procedures for review of proposed license plates and the standards by
6 which proposed special license plates are approved or rejected in accordance
7 with subsection (9) of this section.
- 8 (16) Any individual, group, or organization that fails to audit any funds received under
9 this chapter, or that intentionally uses any funds received in any way other than
10 attested to under subsection (13) of this section or for administrative or personnel
11 costs in violation of subsection (13) of this section, shall be guilty of a Class D
12 felony and upon conviction shall, in addition to being subject to criminal penalties,
13 be assessed a mandatory five thousand dollar (\$5,000) fine.



Speaker-House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

Date March 30, 2010